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TAGS: PINT, NU  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF FSLN REVOLUTIONARY BEAUTY QUEEN

1. NATIONAL GUARD (GN) PRESS OFFICE ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 15 THAT ON JANUARY 9 CLAUDIA CHAMORRO CHAMORRO WAS KILLED IN A SHOOT OUT BETWEEN FSLN GROUP AND A GN PATROL. CHAMORRO, WHO CAME FROM A GRANADA FAMILY WELL CONECTED TO THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY (PCN) WAS A TALL, LOVELY, 20 YEAR OLD WHO IN EARLIER DAYS HAD WON LOCAL BEAUTY CONTESTS.

2. SHE HAD BEEN A LAW STUDENT AT CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN MANAGUA BUT WAS KNOWN TO BE OPERATING IN MOUNTAINS WITH FSLN SINCE CAPTURE OF HER BROTHER ROBERTO WHO IS NOW ON TRIAL BY MILITARY COURT FOR FSLN ACTIVITIES. THEIR FATHER, ROBERTO CHAMORRO ZINC, REPORTEDLY WAS ONE OF DISSIDENT CONSERVATIVES INVOLVED IN UNSUCCESSFUL REVOLUTIONARY INVASIONS OF NICARAGUA O 1950-60'S.

3. COMMENT: LOCALPUBLIC IMPACT OF THIS EVENT MAY TAKE ON PROPORTIONS OF PATTY HEARST INVOLVEMENT IN SLA. AT PCN NATIONAL CONVENTION ON JANUARY 16, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO CLAUDIA BEING EXAMPLE OF POLITICAL CLIMATE IN WHICH CHILDREN OF GOOD FAMILIES ARE DRIVEN TO JOIN REVOLUTIONARIES AS ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO SOMOZA RULE.

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4. HALF-PAGE LENGTH PHOTO IN JANUARY 15 LA PRENSA OF CLAUDIA WHEN SHE WAS CROWNED AS BEAUTY QUEEN SHOULD ASSIST FLSN AND SYMPATHIZERS IN GENERATING CULT OF MARTYRDOM SURROUNDING HER DEATH WHICH LIKELY WILL STRIKE RESPONSIVE CHORD ESPECIALLY AMONG MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS FAMILIES.  
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